

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the status of the claims as indicated below:

Claims 1-12 (canceled)

13. (new) A mat capable of being in both an open orientation and a closed orientation, comprising:

a surface having a removable fabric mat;

a substantially elongate portion engagable with said removable fabric mat on said surface;

side storage portions having pockets for storing items which, in said open orientation, extend laterally from, and at least partially along, a length of said substantially elongate portion, said mat being foldable and able to be fastened, via fastening means, in said closed orientation into a portable bag; and,

means for carrying said mat.

14. (new) The mat capable of being in both an open orientation and a closed orientation according to Claim 13, wherein said means for carrying said mat is a handle attached to an additional surface of said mat.

15. (new) The mat capable of being in both an open orientation and a closed orientation according to Claim 13, wherein said substantially elongate portion has a first end that is foldable and engagable with said fastening means on

said side storage portions with said first end of said substantially elongate portion forming a front face of a bag having an open upper surface.

16. (new) The mat capable of being in both an open orientation and a closed orientation according to Claim 15, wherein said substantially elongate portion has a second end that opposes said first end, said second end being foldable over said front face and capable of being fastened thereto.

17. (new) The mat capable of being in both an open orientation and a closed orientation according to Claim 13, further comprising a cover for closing said portable bag.

18. (new) The mat capable of being in both an open orientation and a closed orientation according to Claim 13, wherein said fastening means is snap locks.

19. (new) The mat capable of being in both an open orientation and a closed orientation according to Claim 13, wherein said means for carrying said mat is a handle attached to an upper surface of said portable bag in said closed orientation of said mat.

20. (new) The mat capable of being in both an open orientation and a closed orientation according to Claim 13, wherein said means for carrying said mat include back straps for carrying said mat in said closed orientation.

21. (new) The mat capable of being in both an open orientation and a closed orientation according to Claim 13, further comprising storage pockets on a front face of said portable bag in said closed orientation.